

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition for inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria comprising:
 - an extract of the *Centipeda* genus;
 - coenzyme Q10;
 - aloe vera;
 - folic acid; and
 - a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of said extract of the *Centipeda* genus.
3. The composition of claim 1, wherein said extract of the *Centipeda* genus is *Centipeda cunninghami*.
4. The composition of claim 4, wherein said extract of *Centipeda cunninghami* is a holistic extract and is included in an amount effective to inhibit inflammation of oral tissue.
5. The composition of claim 5, wherein said extract of *Centipeda cunninghami* is an alcohol soluble extract.
6. The composition of claim 5, wherein said extract of *Centipeda cunninghami* is a mixture of an alcohol soluble fraction and a water soluble fraction.
7. The composition of claim 4, wherein said composition contains about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% of an extract of *Centipeda*

cunninghami as said extract of *Centipeda* genus, about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract, about 0.01 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10, and about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% folic acid.

8. The composition of claim 1, further comprising Vitamin E and folic acid.

9. The composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of chlorophyll KK, peppermint oil, oregano oil, lavender oil, clove bud oil, thyme oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon bark oil, bio-saponin concentrate, folic acid, prickly ash bark extract, calendula extract, echinacea extract, gotu kola extract, chamomile extract, olive leaf extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract.

10. The composition of claim 9, wherein said composition comprises:

- about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract;
- about 0.05 wt% to about 0.2 wt% folic acid;
- about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% prickly ash bark extract;
- about 1.0 wt% to about 1.5 wt% calendula extract;
- about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% echinacea extract;
- about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% gotu kola extract;
- about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% chamomile extract;
- about 0.5 wt% to about 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;
- about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% olive leaf extract;
- about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% black walnut hull extract;
- about 0.03 wt% to about 0.1 wt% grape fruit seed extract;
- about 0.01 wt% to about 1.0 wt% green tea extract;

less than 0.1 wt% chlorophyll KK;
about 1.5 wt% to about 2.5 wt% peppermint oil;
about 0.2 wt% to about 1.0 wt% oregano oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% lavender oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% clove bud oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% thyme oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% eucalyptus oil;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% cinnamon bark oil;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% bio-saponin; and
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10.

11. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is a liquid, cream, gel or paste.

12. A bioactive agent for inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria and treating inflammation of gum tissue, comprising:

Centipeda cunninghami extract;
coenzyme Q10;
aloe vera; and
folic acid.

13. The bioactive agent of claim 12, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. The bioactive agent of claim 12, wherein said bioactive agent comprises about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% of said *Centipeda cunninghami* extract.

15. The bioactive agent of claim 12, wherein said *Centipeda cunninghami* extract, coenzyme Q10, aloe vera and folic acid are present in an amount effective to inhibit inflammation of oral tissue.

16. The bioactive agent of claim 12, wherein said *Centipeda cunninghami* extract is a holistic extract and contains an alcohol soluble fraction and a water soluble fraction.

17. The bioactive agent of claim 12, further comprising chlorophyll KK, peppermint oil, oregano oil, lavender oil, clove bud oil, thyme oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon bark oil, bio-saponin concentrate, folic acid, prickly ash bark extract, calendula extract, echinacea extract, gotu kola extract, chamomile extract, olive leaf extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract in an amount to inhibit the growth of oral bacteria and treat inflammation.

18. The bioactive agent of claim 17, wherein said bioactive agent further comprises a carrier in an amount to provide a final composition comprising:

- about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract;
- about 0.05 wt% to about 0.2 wt% folic acid;
- about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% prickly ash bark extract;
- about 1.0 wt% to about 1.5 wt% calendula extract;
- about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% echinacea extract;
- about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% gotu kola extract;
- about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% chamomile extract;
- about 0.5 wt% to about 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;
- about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% olive leaf extract;

about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% black walnut hull extract;
about 0.03 wt% to about 0.1 wt% grape fruit seed extract;
about 0.01 wt% to about 1.0 wt% green tea extract;
less than 0.1 wt% chlorophyll KK;
about 1.5 wt% to about 2.5 wt% peppermint oil;
about 0.2 wt% to about 1.0 wt% oregano oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% lavender oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% clove bud oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% thyme oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% eucalyptus oil;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% cinnamon bark oil;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% bio-saponin; and
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10.

19. The composition containing said bioactive agent of claim 12, wherein said composition comprises a liquid, cream, gel or paste carrier and where said bioactive agent is included in an amount of about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt%.

20. The composition of claim 19, wherein said composition is a mouthwash, dentifrice, paste or gel.

21. The composition of claim 18, wherein said carrier comprises glycerin.

22. A method of treating periodontal infection inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria and treating inflammation comprising:
topically applying a composition to a target site of an animal in need thereof in an amount effective to inhibit bacterial growth and

reduce inflammation of gum tissue caused by periodontal infection, said composition including an effective amount of a bioactive agent comprising:

a *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;
coenzyme Q10;
aloe vera; and
folic acid.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said composition comprises a carrier and where said bioactive agent is included in an amount of about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% based on the total weight of said composition.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein said composition is a paste or gel, and said method comprises applying said composition directly to infected gum surfaces.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein said composition is an aqueous rinse and said method comprises rinsing said target site with said composition.

26. The method of claim 22, wherein said composition further comprises:

about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.2 wt% folic acid;
about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% prickly ash bark extract;
about 1.0 wt% to about 1.5 wt% calendula extract;
about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% echinacea extract;
about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% gotu kola extract;

about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% chamomile extract;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% olive leaf extract;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% black walnut hull extract;
about 0.03 wt% to about 0.1 wt% grape fruit seed extract;
about 0.01 wt% to about 1.0 wt% green tea extract;
less than 0.1 wt% chlorophyll KK;
about 1.5 wt% to about 2.5 wt% peppermint oil;
about 0.2 wt% to about 1.0 wt% oregano oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% lavender oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% clove bud oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% thyme oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% eucalyptus oil;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% cinnamon bark oil;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% bio-saponin; and
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10,
wherein each of said extracts are included in an effective amount
to treat inflammation and inhibit growth of oral bacteria.

27. The method of claim 22, wherein said bioactive agent
comprises about 10 wt% to 35 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract,
about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% coenzyme Q10, about 10 wt% to about
35 wt% folic acid, and about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% aloe vera gel.

28. The method of claim 22, wherein said bioactive agent
further comprises chlorophyll KK, peppermint oil, oregano oil,
lavender oil, clove bud oil, thyme oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon bark
oil, bio-saponin concentrate, folic acid, prickly ash bark extract,
calendula extract, echinacea extract, gotu kola extract, chamomile

extract, olive leaf extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract in an amount to inhibit the growth of oral bacteria and treat inflammation.

29. The method of claim 22, wherein said bioactive agent further comprises Vitamin E.